



THE SCOOP

July 2026

Save The Date:

July 3 – Extension Office closed

July 7-10 – 4-H Congress * Bozeman

July 18 – MANDATORY Fair Clean Up Day * 9 am - 12 noon * Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

July 20-25 – Carbon County 4-H & FFA Fair * Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

August 24 – 4-H Record Books Due

August 26 – 4-H Council meeting

Fair Entry Packet

All 4-H & FFA exhibitors will receive a fair packet containing exhibitor number & safety pins, fair t-shirt, indoor project entry tags, stall cards, fair schedule and a summary of your fair entries. No new entries will be added. Pick up packets at the check-in table during indoor judging or at the fair office after indoor judging. Remember that stall cards must be filled out and posted on pens by 5 pm Thursday of fair.

Indoor Judging

Indoor project judging is the first day of fair – Monday, July 20. There are no assigned interview times this year. Please register in the Edgar Gruel building at the check-in desk when you arrive for indoor judging. You may fill out an absentee interview form and attach it to your project if you will not be available to exhibit during fair week. Please contact the Extension Office for the form. Cloverbuds can interview from 9 am – 1 pm or when siblings interview. All indoor exhibitors must be checked in by 1:00 pm! Concessions will be available from 11 am – 2 pm.

Fair Dress Code

Black jeans and a white long-sleeved, button up shirt are REQUIRED for indoor interviews, ALL shows and the livestock sale. FFA members are required to wear official dress. Cloverbuds are not required to wear black and white attire, but are encouraged to dress nicely for Cloverbud indoor interviews and the Cloverbud pet parade. Appropriate attire is required on the fairgrounds at all times during fair week.

Poultry & Rabbit Exhibitors: You will be required to sign up for the livestock auction the week before fair. Watch your email for the sale animal registration sheet.

All fair families are responsible for reviewing the Fair Book and the fair schedule.

Carbon County 4-H

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Rabbit & Poultry Schedule Changes

Please note the Rabbit and Poultry schedule changes. Check in at the small animal barn is REQUIRED from 2-3 pm on Monday, July 20. DO NOT put animals in cages until they have been checked in. The Poultry show will be Monday at 4:30 pm in the show barn. The Rabbit show will be Tuesday, July 21 at 4:30 pm in the show barn. Small animal exhibitors may take their animals home unless competing in sweepstakes or participating in the livestock sale on Saturday. Be sure to check out with Marcia Bickel!

Horse Check In



Horse project exhibitors must check in their horses and bits/tack from 6-7:30 pm on Tuesday, July 21. Please don't arrive early as the dog and rabbit shows will be in session. Remove all coverings/wraps before check in. Do not stall your horse until vet checked and approved by the horse superintendent. Mandatory horse exhibitor meeting is at 8 pm in the horse barn. The horse show schedule and patterns will be posted in the horse barn.

Livestock Weigh In/Breeding Animal Check In

Market & breeding animals are required to go through the weigh/check in line Wednesday night of fair. Do not unload animals and walk them to the scale! Wait in line with your horse trailer/vehicle. Signs will be posted to guide you to weigh in on the south side of the show barn. Weigh/check in is from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, July 22. *Market Beef exhibitors must bring their Bill of Sale.* Vet checks will occur during weigh in. Remove all animal coverings for weigh in/vet check. There will be a mandatory large animal exhibitor meeting at 8 pm (excluding horse).

Minimum Sale Weight: Beef 1,000#; Swine 215#; Sheep 110#; Goat 50#

Maximum Sale Weight: Beef 1,600# (pay out 1450#); Swine 330# (pay out 300#); Sheep 180# (pay out 165#); Goat 120# (pay out 100#)

Camping

The fairgrounds will open for campers at 8 am on Sunday, July 19. Please don't ask to bring campers early. Saving spots is not allowed. Personal vehicles must be parked in the fairgrounds parking lot to leave room for other campers. Anyone taking up more than one camping spot will be asked to move. ALL campers/tents must be registered at the fair office by 8 am Thursday; a list of occupants and chaperones with contact information will be required at the same time. ****No dogs allowed.****

****No campers will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds on Monday, July 20 from 8 am - 3 pm during Indoor Judging to ensure the safety of our exhibitors.****

**** Fair award winners will be required to write a thank you note to the sponsor of their award while at fair! Keep in mind that thank you's should be sent to buyers of silent/livestock auction exhibits.**

****Thank you to the 4-H families who sold 12 Days of Family Fun Raffle tickets and to club leaders for helping coordinate and get sponsors. \$3,877.62 was raised with all proceeds benefitting Carbon County 4-H youth. Congrats to winner Cara Benson!**

****Thank You to Carbon County Commissioners and the Fair Board for supporting our fair and 4-H/FFA youth!**



Fair Clean Up Day

Saturday, July 18

9 am – Noon at the fairgrounds,
Red Lodge

Only FFA members & 4-H
exhibitors age 10+ are required to
help with clean up.

You MUST contact Amber in
advance if you are unable to help
on clean-up day.

You will be assigned other jobs.

Indoor Silent Auction

Indoor project exhibitors are allowed to sell 2 blue ribbon projects in the silent auction. Please let the judge know that you are entering your project in the auction. Deadline to enter is Wednesday at 5 pm; auction closes at 3 pm on Saturday of fair.

Each club is asked to donate a basket for the silent auction. Please have baskets to the Edgar Gruel building by 5 pm on Monday of fair. All proceeds go to the 4-H program.

Cloverbud Indoor/Animal Showcase

4-H Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in fair, although it is not required. For indoor project judging, Cloverbuds can interview from 9 am – 1 pm or at the same time as sibling(s). The Cloverbud Animal Showcase is Saturday, July 25 at noon in the show barn. Cloverbuds are encouraged to bring their pets/well-behaved animals! Exhibitor should have used the fair entry form to RSVP for this fun event. If your Cloverbud plans to exhibit an indoor project and/or participate in the animal showcase and you did not submit a fair entry, please email Sheri at the Extension Office: carbon@montana.edu

4-H Clubs

Don't forget to bring your club banner to fair clean-up day to hang above your club booth! Pick up banners after the sale on Saturday of fair. Banners not picked up will be left at the fairgrounds.

Each club is asked to contribute a basket for the silent auction at fair. Club baskets will be placed on club booths. Please have baskets to the fairgrounds by Monday evening of fair. This is a fundraiser for the 4-H Council who in turn provides support to the many areas of 4-H throughout the year.

Club concessions have been assigned based on club enrollment and project participation. Clubs are responsible for manning the concession stand and maintaining the kitchen and eating areas of the Edgar Gruel building during their assigned time. See the attached schedule.

4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters also have assigned daily fair clean up duties. This is a rotating schedule from year to year. Note that flags should be raised by 8 am each morning and lowered by 9 pm at night. Flags are stored in a plastic tub in the fair office.

Club concession questions can be directed to Extension Agent

Do you have project questions? Contact 4-H agents Amber Elliott or Carrie Guderjahn at the Extension Office or one of your project superintendents:

Cat/Pocket Pet: Amber Elliott 406-962-3522

Beef/Dairy: Kraig Krook 406-598-8535, Luke Miller 406-200-5537

Sheep/Goat: Crystal Wright 406-671-2511, Brianna King 406-426-4441

Swine: Jeff Krook 406-672-4293, Melissa Goetz 406-855-1610

Horse: Stacie Nardinger 406-425-3811

Dog: Diana Doll 406-425-4583

Poultry/Rabbit: Marcia Bickel 406-696-8034, Diana Doll 406-425-4583

Indoor: Carrie Guderjahn 406-962-3522, Janice King 406-696-4560

Club/Chapter Fairgrounds Clean Up Duties

FFA Chapters	Empty trash barrels daily starting Tuesday and ending Sunday
Fox Stars	Flag raising & lowering, clean up outside between show barn & Edgar Gruel building and fair office area, playground area
Rock Creek Ranchers	Parking around Edgar Gruel building to horse barn including rabbit/poultry barn/fair office, outdoor arena
Boyd Bandits	Inside Edgar Gruel building/indoor project area
Rockvale Ramblers	In, around & behind horse barn and horse wash rack areas
RL Rangers/Shane Ridge Rustlers	Hog barn, outdoor bleacher section & hog wash rack area, parking lot behind hog & show barns
Foxie	Show barn beef section & announcers stand, inside show arena & beef drying rack
Fromberg GoGetters	Show barn sheep/goat section, bleachers and parking area along creek by show barn

Carbon County Fair Dance

Friday, July 24

Edgar Gruel Bldg, Fairgrounds

(after Beef Showmanship)

All 4-H & FFA fair participants and their families are invited to attend. Non-4-H & FFA attendees are required to follow all fair rules & regulations.

Hosted by 4-H Council, Rockvale Ramblers 4-H Club & Rock Creek Ranchers 4-H Club.

Fair Dance Sponsored By

Montana Farmers Union

Fair Promotion

The Fair Board will mail out a market sale catalog to potential buyers again this year to promote the live sale on Saturday, July 25.

Have you done your part by sending letters to or visiting potential buyers? Many people support the Carbon County Fair auction-let them know who you are, what animal you are selling and invite them to the free buyers' lunch!

Buyers Lunch 11 am * Auction 1 pm

Swing by the Extension Office to get the fair schedule to hand out to potential buyers!

THANK YOU to NorthWestern Energy, Sibanye Stillwater Mine, Beartooth Billings Clinic and First Interstate Bank for sponsoring fair t-shirts! The fair t-shirt logo was created from Abigail Nemecheck's fair poster entry.

The **Carbon County 4-H Teen Leaders** are available if you need assistance at fair! Watch for them in their blue/gray shirts. They will be helping with indoor judging, animal shows and in the fair office.



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